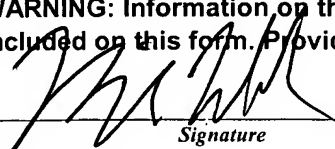


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>07820001AA</b>	
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Invention: <b>NOVEL TRANSITION METAL PHOSPHIDE CATALYSTS</b>					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WITHOUT AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 25, 2005, the applicant requests reconsideration without amendment to the claims. The claims, as presently presented, are in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

**Listing of the Claims:** begins on page 2

**Remarks:** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
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